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Related Cases

Applicant again draws the Examiner's attention to the following related cases that share a common specification with this case. These cases may be considered to have claims substantially similar to, and thus are material to, the patentability of the claims in this case. Other than the '122 and '142 applications (filed December 2006), all of the cases below have been previously brought to the Examiner's attention in and IDS filed in September 2006.

QIC U.S. Patent No. 6,496,692 Shanahan 12/2002

BU U.S. Patent No. 7,149,509 Shanahan 12/2006

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BK U.S. Patent application No. 09/518,846 (abandoned)

BK U.S. Patent application No. 10/603,285 (some similar or identical claims with pending rejection)

BK U.S. Patent application No. 10/223,200

BK U.S. Patent application No. 10/915,862

BK U.S. Patent application No. 10/915,866 (some similar or identical claims)

BK U.S. Patent application No. 11/633,122

BK U.S. Patent application No. 11/633,142

It is respectfully requested the Examiner again fully consider these cases and all associated documents in their prosecution history during the examination of this application,